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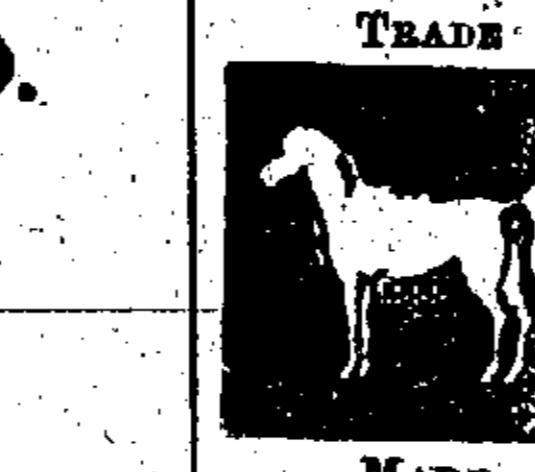
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The Daily Press.

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"His decisions seem good enough until he explains them," was a shrewd remark made of a judge; and a Shanghai contemporary's references to the state of affairs with regard to foreign interference with the Cantonese attitude towards piracy on the West River remind us of the saying. The argument of our contemporary appears to us vastly sounder than one of the illustrations with which it is buttressed. The *Mercury* comments:

We must confess to a good deal of sympathy with the Cantonese. We should hate to have foreign gun-boats patrolling the Thames. How the Americans would be pleased if there were a dozen German vessels keeping watch and ward up the Mississippi we can easily guess. And, perhaps, our Canton friends may ask why is it that there are none? Why are there no British ships watching over British interests in French ports? We have pointed out the answer before. French ports are safe. Did danger threaten, there would within twelve hours be French ships of war at hand to protect trade and punish the wrong—over.

It is not so in the delta of the Canton and West Rivers. There, hardly a day passes without its piratical raid. So long has this been so, that the Chinese of the Kwangtung province have come to look upon piracy as upon one of those things described in bills of lading as "visitations of God" events which like thunder, storms, typhoons, and earthquakes must be expected and insured against. A system of black-mail has thus grown up and has come to be considered in the same light as we look upon fire insurance.

With the Englishmen, of course accustomed for generations to absolute immunity from such raids, there is no such complacency. He resents the intrusion of the sea robber or the creek thief. Down with him! The country which tolerates him is either too weak or too uncivilised to be counted amongst the nations of

the earth. Hence the arrangement come to with the Peking Government. We have the power on the spot which China has not. And the Canton gentry have been told in two words what the arrangement is. It is a matter of "Mutual Assistance." When China has become more acquainted with the manners and customs pertaining to International life she will see that this mutual aid is a very common thing when circumstances call for it. Some time ago there was a very severe earthquake in the West India Islands. It happened that we had no warship close at hand. The Americans had, and the Captain immediately offered his assistance. But it happened that we had as an official there a man who might have been a Canton gentleman of the present day. He very promptly told the American officer that his help was not wanted. America shrugged her shoulders, but England was furious, and very few days sufficed to teach that official how kindly officers ought to be received.

A misera hominum mentes, o pectora circa! To liken the ex-Governor of Jamaica, the sturdy, thoroughly John-Bullish SWETTENHAM, to a Canton gentleman of the present day, and that after the ample evidence that has since been given to show how he was misjudged, how far too hastily condemned! The comparison is odorous, malodorous. The cases could not be more dissimilar. The American Admiral who "butted" in when the English Governor was busy only thought that the latter might not be able to cope with the situation. His mistake was due to his own obtuseness, in not sizing the hint that he was committing a grave breach of national etiquette, and in persisting in forcing his assistance after it had been politely declined. It was the gross lack of tact of a man who doesn't know enough to go steadily at the opposite end of the ballroom while his partner repairs damages—the crass stupidity of the intruder at an informal levee who will not understand that a brandished toothbrush is an invitation to leave the room. Sir ALEXANDER SWETTENHAM was quite able to do all that was necessary. The British must be fond of humble pie who can so readily assume that he was not. The case of the Canton officials, however, is quite different. They cannot do all that is necessary to make the West River safe for commerce. They have admitted it; pleaded their inability, in fact, when a plenitude was necessary; and even now, after twelve months of the most tactful diplomacy of which Sir JOHN JORDAN is capable, we are offering our co-operation in the most deprecating manner possible. The Chinese Customs officers now charged with the suppression of piracy have, with the approval of the Central Government, arranged for "mutual assistance" with any foreign gunboats that may be available. There is grave reason to believe that the Cantonese objections to interference with piracy in the Delta are not unconcerned with "squeezing," with fear of loss of tribute from an old-standing institution, and while we gladly confess to much sympathy with Sir ALEXANDER SWETTENHAM, concerned only for the dignity of the Power he represented, we are not prepared to waste any on people lying under such a serious suspicion. If we are wrong the Cantonese agitators, they are not free from blame for our error. Had their objection to the presence of foreign gunboats been purely patriotic, they should have done away with the necessity for that presence. They were allowed lots of time to show what they could do, and they have done nothing—except to grumble when the Central Government determined to attend to what, after all, should be its own Imperial and not provincial, business. If we must institute comparisons between China and other Powers, which is far from wise, for reasons often stated, we may ask whether London or Carlisle would have the final say in dealing with pirates in the Solway Firth? It is, of course, impossible to imagine London accepting the offer of French or German gunboats to lend a hand round the Isle of Man, but supposing that done, as in this case of the Canton Delta, any protests from Carlisle, Kirkcudbright, or Douglas would probably be treated as impertinent, as those of Canton have been. But in such circumstances, mutual aid is not the common, regular thing "amongst all civilised lands" as the *Mercury* says it is. It would be the very last resort of any of the Powers, who would, moreover, be as chary to offer as to accept it. If Germany had offered to send troops to the South of France during the wine riots; if France had offered a regiment to the Mayor of Belfast; if Japan had despatched a warship or two to the Vladivostok mutiny—would France, Britain, Russia, respectively, have sung the *Mercury* litany, that "by mutual aid things are possible which cannot otherwise be undertaken at all"? We all know quite well how such offers would have been regarded; and it was not the American Admiral's kind offer of food that Sir ALEXANDER SWETTENHAM refused, but his armed force landed, without being invited, "to help to restore and maintain order" Peking

however, is not in the same position, yet Canton didn't restore order. Peking couldn't—without some such arrangement as the one now made. China is in a quite unique position among the Powers, and every case of this or any kind arising in the Empire must be considered and dealt with on its merits, with due regard to what is expedient and necessary.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company is due to arrive in Hongkong on the 20th inst., and to open a short season on the following day. Theirs is the most popular of all touring entertainments.

A bazaar in aid of the poor Chinese orphans of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance, under the distinguished patronage of their Excellencies Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., and Lady Lugard, is announced by the French Sisters, for the City Hall on Wednesday, 11th instant.

The large crowds which have thronged the streets of the city during the last few days, have given pickpockets an opportunity to practice their profession; which they have not been slow to take advantage of. But all have not been escaping the vigilant police, and four appeared at the Police Court yesterday, were found guilty, and each man was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and six hours' stocks. Three other natives accused were remanded as the complainants failed to appear—probably they were attracted to the procession.

With reference to the rumor that the Japan Exposition of 1912 will be postponed until 1917 Viscount Kaeko, President of the proposed Exposition, has declared that the report is totally untrue. As proof of this assertion, the Viscount pointed out that the Japanese Government is already in receipt of notice of approval from England, France, and other European countries. Moreover, a Reuter message of the 18th November announced that the United States has also consented to exhibit her produce at the Exposition. Under the circumstances, it is absolutely impossible to postpone the opening of the Exposition as rumored.

The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., lectured last evening under the auspices of the Union Church Literary and Debating Club on "Jewish Wit and Humour." Though an Irishman himself he did not admit that the Irish had a monopoly of wit and humour. He disagreed with Sidney Smith's oft-quoted assertion with regard to the want of humour in the Scotch; and for the rest Mr. May's paper was an interesting refutation of his dictum of Carlyle, as related by Froude, that the Jews have shown no trace of humour in their history. If Carlyle, Mr. May said, had read with any sense of humour himself he would have traced even in the Jewish Bible a good deal of evidence of humour. Mr. May quoted examples, and then proceeded to draw from many other sources rich examples of Jewish mother-wit which were greatly enjoyed.

The Quesby Hall Estate, Leicestershire, well known to followers of the Queen, has been purchased by Mr. Edward Graves. The old hall is a wonderful example of early seventeenth century work, having been built soon after the death of Queen Elizabeth. Unlike many early English houses, the sites of which were chosen on low ground, Quesby stands 500 feet above sea level on a fine plateau in a natural park of some 200 acres. Its striking facade in stone dressed red brick flanked by towers is familiar to the architect and antiquary, and the interior is rich in contemporary carved oak work. The estate, which comprises over two thousand acres, is mentioned in records of the thirteenth century and was in the possession of the Ashby's for 800 years. In renovating the interior of the Hall Mrs. Graves has had the benefit of the advice of Mr. Gotch and the late Mr. Bodley. R.A., and Quesby is now one of the most beautiful and interesting houses in England.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE LATEST MONOPOLY FIASCO. This morning the office of the Protector of China was besieged by women from the brothels, and it was subsequently learnt that there had been a breach of the monopoly contract and a sum of \$4,500, deposited as guarantee, has been forfeited to the Government. Some curiosity has been excited by the fact that this monopoly was not let by public tender, but an offer being made it was promptly accepted, and certain incidents in connection with the negotiation of the business are much discussed. Among the questions asked are these: (1) Was the monopolist's legal Adviser a Government Official? (2) Why were meetings in connection with the holder held at the house of an official interpreter rather than at the office of the Protector of China?

PIRATIC ATTACK.

A raid on pirates was made this afternoon, and some of the garrison who were engaged in it are reported to have been severely wounded.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N.C. Co.'s str. *Tsiming* left Manila on 4th inst. and is due here on the 9th inst.The I.G.M. str. *Hoon* which left here on the 6th inst. has arrived at Gencu yesterday at 9 a.m.The C.N.C. Co.'s str. *Kastang* left Iloilo on 4th inst. and is due here on the 9th inst.The C.N.C. Co.'s str. *Ningpo* left Tientsin for Swatow and Hongkong on 3rd inst., and is due here on the 11th inst.The O. & O. str. *Mongolia* sail from Yokohama on 5th inst., and will probably arrive at this port on the 13th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

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GERMAN POLITICS.

LONDON, December 5th. A political crisis promises at Berlin, owing to an absence of unity among the various members of the Government "bloc." Chancellor von Buelow has threatened to resign unless the party shows more cohesion.

THE MONTE CARLO MURDER.

LONDON, December 5th. In connection with the murder of Mme. Levin at Monte Carlo three months ago (the "Paris trunk mystery") Goold has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, and his wife to death.

SWEDEN.

LONDON, December 5th. Owing to the illness of the King of Sweden the Crown Prince has been appointed regent.

THE CHIEN TAO AFFAIR.

TOKYO, December 5th. Prince Pulin, the Chinese envoy, has arrived at Tokyo.

THE KOREAN CROWN PRINCE.

TOKYO, December 5th. The Korean Crown Prince has left Seoul to be educated in Japan. He was accompanied by Prince Ito.

[BUTTER'S SERVICE.]

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 3rd. Congressman Hayes of California has shown President Roosevelt his Bill for restricting Oriental immigration. President Roosevelt does not approve of the Bill but Mr. Hayes intends to push it on the ground that it is in accordance with the sentiments of Californians. Congress has met. The proceedings were formal. Mr. Cortelyou's estimates for 1908/1909, are \$776,000,000, \$75,000,000 above the 1907/1908 estimates.

THE RECENT MUTINY AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, December 3rd. Twenty of the Vladivostok mutineers, who were sentenced to death on the 31st October, have been shot, and 177 others have received lesser penalties.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 3rd. The Japanese Minister in Washington has conferred with President Roosevelt, and Mr. Root concerning Japanese immigration and it is believed that the Minister is satisfied with the administration, and that it is not necessary for Congress to legislate for Japanese exclusion. A later telegram from Washington however states that the Japanese Minister has been recalled to personally report to the Mikado the situation in America relative to immigration.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LONDON, December 3rd. Money is considerably easier; a large parcel of gold has arrived from Germany, and substantial arrivals are expected from India, Australia and Singapore. There are general hopes of an early reduction of the bank rate.

AN UNSECULAR NAVY.

The U. S. Navy Department has been having protracted disputes with the Christian Scientists who originally suggested that their textbook, known as "Science and Health," should be purchased by the Government for distribution to all ships of war and as an addition to the ship's libraries. The Navy Department adheres to the policy of not purchasing sectarian literature and this rule cannot be departed from on behalf of any denomination. A retired naval officer, formerly in command of one of the battleships, who attributes his relief from disability to Christian Science, urged the admission of the book to the ship's library, and when it was decided not to buy any he asked if it would not be possible to present to the Navy Department enough of the textbooks to furnish one for every vessel in commission. This offer had to be declined also. Finally it was arranged that the retired naval officer, acting for the Christian Scientists, might write to every commanding officer asking if he would accept the book for his ship's library. This puts the question up to the commanding officer of the vessel, where it is considered as belonging.

"The Eternal Feminine" by Ada Cambridge (London: G. Bell and Sons) is an Australian story—the love affair of a P. & O. officer, and the various members of the estimable colonial family into which he ultimately married. The hero's drawn character is perhaps that of the maiden aunt with her prurient imaginings, a modern Mrs. Gammie. It is a well-told, healthy, and mildly interesting story.

CHINESE CAENIVAL.

A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE.

Yesterday was the opening day of the Chinese festival, promoted by a number of leading Chinese citizens with the object of relieving financial depression which at present prevails in the Colony. The festival has been largely advertised in China and Macao, and for the past week the river steamers have been bringing crowds of pilgrims to Hongkong. It is years since such a procession took place in Hongkong, and since the last the streets have probably never been so crowded as they were yesterday. At an early hour in the morning both processionists and spectators were astir, all making their way slowly to the starting point at Wan-chai. The journey to that part was a slow one, it being impossible to hasten through the dense crowd. At No. 2 Police Station, at an early hour, the promoters were busily engaged in marshalling the procession, and were hard at work while those in the central district, who witnessed units of the procession going eastward at noon, were speculating as to the hour when it would be possible for the procession to start. It was despatched to time, however, and was of such a length that while the head of it had arrived at Garden Road the tail end was passing the same place for the starting point. The scene was one to be long remembered by European spectators who have not before participated in a Chinese holiday. All the ingenious work of the Eastern artisans was to be seen in the scored dragon and other monsters popular in Chinese mythology, but to describe these would require a knowledge of legendary lore which has been acquired by few Europeans. All along the route quaint Chinese music was to be heard coupled with the banging of deep sounding gongs and the clashing of many cymbals. Those taking part were mostly clad in costly silks, the mandarin, the warrior and the litterateur being represented; while handsome banners bearing (to foreigners) strange devices were borne on high before the different guilds represented. The procession, as is always the case in China, was headed by the two bearers who carry large lanterns, the emblem of good luck. Then many grotesquely got up monsters and "glittering models symbolic of joy no sain qaoi" were borne past the eighter before the Kingfisher dragon came into view. This was borne by 165 men and had an approximate length of 330 feet. Following this was a handsomely constructed Phoenix which was carried on high before the dragon.

The feature of the procession was the immense silver seahorse dragon provided by the fish guild. This was nearly four hundred feet long and was borne on high by 160 men, who proceeded along the route in realistic serpentine course. Men proceeded on either side shaking the silken wings of the monster and shouting vociferously, the crowd cheering as the animal writhed and wriggled on its way. Another scene is presented later which displays eight Chinese beauties choosing a chamberlain for the King from forty eminent statesmen. Then follow eight genii with the inevitable fan and armed with spears and battle-axes. The fruit and vegetable guilds display was headed with the model of a lion which was borne by twenty girls playing selections of music as they wended their way along. Another representation displayed an eccentricity of the Emperor Chia Yung-kwong who, according to history, was dragged along the shore in a boat by a number of Chinese women. The procession was carried out on a scale of grandeur seldom seen in Hongkong, the expenses connected therewith, which must have been exceedingly heavy, being borne principally by the different guilds in the Colony. Each guild had its band, which followed directly on the banner bearers, and as all were playing different music, the air along the route was filled with strange sound, the quaint selections of the different bands giving the finishing touch to the Oriental character of the procession. It cost the fowl guild \$8,000 for the display of models and monsters. The fruit and vegetable guild went to an expense of \$7000; \$500 was the cost to the beef guild; \$15,000 to the fish guild; and \$30,000 to the pork guild. Much of the paraphernalia used in the pageant was imported from Canton, as were many of the persons taking part. One hundred Chinese ponies were brought from the Chinese city by junk, the river steamers not being anxious for this kind of freight.

During the forenoon the sky had been overcast, and the threatening rain came about two o'clock, breaking up the procession, to the sorrow of many of the

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, December 5th.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

INSUFFICIENT NOTICE.

Re Ki Cheong ex parte Yu Fung Bank.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley—This is my application for the Court to approve the scheme of arrangements which has been filed.

His Lordship—That is generally referred to the Registrar for report.

Mr. Kemp—It was referred to me yesterday, but I have not had time to draw up a formal report.

Mr. Bowley—I have filed an affidavit showing that the necessary resolutions were passed, and the Official Receiver has no objection to the scheme.

His Lordship, after referring to sub-section 5, remarked—There seem to be several conditions which should be fulfilled, and which have not as a matter of fact.

Mr. Bowley—This scheme has been before the Official Receiver for some weeks, and he will inform your Lordship that the terms of the scheme are reasonable, and calculated to benefit the creditors.

Mr. Kemp—I think it is a most advantageous thing for the creditors. The only point I should like to mention is that I think security should be given by trustees under the scheme.

His Lordship (after referring to the scheme)—Are all the creditors agreed?

Mr. Kemp—Practically all.

Mr. Bowley—All voted in favour with few exceptions.

Mr. Kemp—A great majority in number, and more than three-fourths in value, voted in favour.

His Lordship—I must see that it is a reasonable proposition for the other creditors.

Mr. Kemp—Perhaps those who voted against it ought to have notice of this application.

His Lordship—How many dissentients are there?

Mr. Kemp—Four.

His Lordship—What value?

Mr. Bowley—The total proved is \$120,000.

The dissentients' claims amount to about \$12,000 only.

Mr. Kemp—The total amount of the dissentents who voted is \$5200, two creditors who have not voted represent \$11,000. The three dissentents are Messrs. Ross & Co., Messrs. Siemens & Co., and the compradores of Messrs. Keiss & Co.

His Lordship—When was the scheme approved?

Mr. Bowley—Yesterday.

His Lordship—That is too soon. I think there should be notice to the others.

Mr. Bowley—The trustees are anxious to realize on the stock-in-trade before the close of the Chinese year, and there is not very much time.

His Lordship—That does not matter; you can apply next Thursday. The dissentents must be protected in some way.

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His Lordship—Yes, I will. I don't think these notices should come on ex parte. They must not come on.

Mr. Bowley—As your Lordship pleases.

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Mr. Kemp—This petition may possibly be withdrawn, and I would ask your Lordship to adjourn the hearing until next Thursday.

His Lordship—If you are agreed.

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His Lordship—Is it a large bankruptcy?

Mr. Kemp—No. Liabilities amount to \$16,000.

His Lordship—It is hardly a case for a special manager.

Mr. Kemp—No, but I think it would be advisable for your Lordship to authorise me to carry on the business and take orders for the next week.

His Lordship—Very well.

LAW SPORT.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A match will be played against the United Services to-day (Friday) and to-morrow commencing at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. respectively. The following will represent the Club—R. Hancock, H. Hancock, W. D. Turner, T. E. Pearce, A. W. J. Peak, A. Claxton, A. H. Young, E. A. Fowler, L. Wishart, A. N. Other and S. O. Else.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

There will be a match this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. sharp, when the Club, playing in colours, will oppose the Navy. Club Tea—Back: B. Johnson; Three-quarters: F. C. Ford, A. A. Claxton, A. S. Kemphorne, O. E. Moore; Halves: L. J. Blackburne and N. Other; Forwards: W. J. Daniel (Cap. G. D. McIlraith), H. W. Lester, J. M. Gregor (P. Linton), Capt. Rankin, R. A. M. W. B. Stanton and A. P. Usher.

KOWLOON CIVIL SERVICE.

This match will be played at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon. The following will represent Kowloon—S. Lightfoot, W. Dixon, C. Cleland, F. Day, Tullman, P. Bobb, C. Libeaud, D. Mackenzie, H. Hart, Mackaskill, and J. Mead.

AMERICA'S WORST TYPE.

"TIMES'" CRUSHING REPLY.

A lively dispute between Mr. W. R. Hearst and the "Times" is disclosed in some correspondence published lately by that journal. It appears that on September 30 the "Times" printed from its New York correspondent a statement by which Mr. Hearst now finds himself to be gravely offended, so much so that after three weeks' close thought—he has cabled the remarkable reply reproduced below. The "Times" prints it "with real satisfaction."

Gentlemen—Since some lineal descentant of Anaxim became the correspondent of the London "Times" in New York, that newspaper has printed many articles from America as absurd and outrageous as the famous Bigott forgeries which appeared in its columns and the ridiculous tale of the building in oil of the German Ambassador at Peking. No efforts of this offspring of Anaxim, however, have been more frankly false and more glibly idiotic than the assertion in the issue of the "Times" of September 30 that there was a letter in existence from Mr. W. R. Hearst in which Mr. Hearst said to a correspondent in Cuba: "You provide the pictures and I will provide the war," and the intimation that Mr. Hearst was chiefly responsible for the Spanish war. This kind of恬ted nonsense could only be generally circulated and generally believed in England, where newspapers claiming to be conservative and reliable are the most utterly untrustworthy of any on earth. In apology for these newspapers it may be said that their untrustworthiness is not always due to intention, but more frequently to ignorance and prejudice. Any informed and unprejudiced person knows that the one cause of the Spanish war was Spain and that from the time of the blowing up of the Maine in Havana Harbour war was inevitable. Any informed and unprejudiced person knows now that if war is brought on as peaceful and peace-loving a nation as the United States, it will be brought on by Japan, with, perhaps, the secret aid and encouragement of England.

The attitude of England towards this country has always been clearly understood by our people despite her professions of friendship. Words as President Roosevelt expresses it, are good when backed by deeds, but not otherwise. The deeds of England have always been detrimental to this country, and the intelligent citizens of this nation know that England would be as ready to encourage Orientals to make war on this country to-day as she was to incite the Indians to murder the wives and children of the colonists in the days of our struggle for independence. While making it clear, therefore, that the action of Japan is the one thing that can bring this country to war, I do not wish to minimize the effect of the secret influence and underhanded acts of our historic enemy.

Commenting upon Mr. Hearst's attack, the "Times" says:—

"He replies in terms of which the ferocity will strike the reflecting reader as just a little too carefully calculated and just a little too exactly timed. By sending his letter so that it should appear on November 2, Mr. Hearst has secured that his views about England, and the 'Times,' and a possible war with Japan should be cabled back to America just in time to influence next Tuesday's election."

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CHINA SQUADRON COMMAND.

Vice-Admiral Sir G. L. Atkinson-Willes has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of Devonport, in succession to Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, Admiral Sir D. F. Fanshawe will succeed Admiral Sir D. H. Bosanquet as Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth in March next; and Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Custance, on completing his twelve months as second-in-command of the China Squadron, Rear-Admiral Sir H. D. Barry, now commanding the Third Cruiser Squadron, succeeds Vice-Admiral Sir W. H. Fawkes in command of the Australian Squadron.

WHAT "TONNAGE" MEANS.

A new Atlantic Leviathan arrived at New York the other day, and newspapers and people straightway began to compare the 20,000 "tonnage" of the "Kronprinzessin Cecilie" with the "tonnage" of giants which had come out before and are to come out after her. The vocabulary of the sea, always bewildering to landlubians, is indeed crowded full of strange, technical jargon and words of familiar meaning on shore which, afloat, contract a new and arbitrary significance. Take, for example, this matter of tonnage of a shipping. On shore everybody knows that a ton is two thousand pounds, if a short ton, or 2240 a long one. Therefore, it seems to the landlubber that a one-tonned ton ship ought to be, if it is not, a ship which can carry a thousand tons' weight of cargo. As a matter of fact, a thousand-ton ship can probably convey about thirteen or fourteen hundred tons of coal or heavy merchandise.

Yet the "Jih Pao of Peking" accuses the Japanese authorities in Korea of unfair discrimination against the Chinese merchants. Two instances are mentioned in a characteristically loose and vague manner. One is that "a prohibition has been enforced against Chinese merchants to trade in certain parts of Korea," while the other instance is that "goods from China have been detained by the Japanese purpose for fear of one competition." In the absence of more specific information, it is quite impossible for us to deal with the particular allegations in question. All we can now say is that we have never heard of such incidents having taken place in Korea. It is safe to assure our Chinese contemporaries that no prohibition has ever been issued by Japanese authorities against their nations to trade in any part of Korea. As a matter of fact Chinese, like Japanese and other foreigners are actually engaged in business in all parts of the country without any molestation whatever. We are afraid that the Chinese merchants entertain some peculiar notions regarding fair competition in matters of business. They are reported by the "Jih Pao" to have held a mass meeting, pass a resolution, on which reads as follows:—"Trade regulations must be drawn up by Japan and trade stopped during China now when it is not possible for any [Chinese] to trade." In other words, we are asked to stop our own merchants from doing business in the greater part of the month of January according to the old calendar, so that our Chinese neighbours may enjoy their festivities in peace, without being disturbed by thoughts of possible loss of custom. A more naive and a foolish proposal to conceive. If such is their idea of fair competition in business, we are afraid they will not find it in Korea, nor in any other country, least of all in their own country. —*Scout Free.*

MYSTERY OF THE 5TH LANCERS.

Great astonishment has been caused in military circles by the notification that three majors and two captains of the 5th Lancers have been suddenly placed on half-pay. Reflections have been made in some quarters on the fitness of the regiment for service.

The officers are—

Major E. O. Watthen, the second in command.

Major W. A. Adam.

Major A. V. L. Wood, D.S.O.

Captain E. B. Wilson, the senior captain.

Captain Guy Seckham, the junior captain.

The circumstances which have led the Army authorities to take this very drastic course are a mystery. The regiment has just been removed from Aldershot to York. At Aldershot the statement that the regiment is not fit for service is ridiculed.

When they were in the first Aldershot Cavalry Brigade their reputation was excellent, and they were as clever and quick in manœuvres and ordinary field work as any regiment at the time.

In other circles it is stated that the condition of the regiment has been very unsatisfactory from the point of view of the authorities, who wish to introduce new blood.

For some time past it has been known that the cavalry work of the Army has not been satisfactory to the authorities. It is said that too much attention has been given to training in battle tactics, and this has left many squadrons deficient in reconnoitring and patrol work, and all those duties by which efficient cavalry should be distinguished.

Two of them—Major Watthen and Major Wood—hold staff appointments already, and the others are eligible for extra regimental duties as opportunity offers.

The three retired majors have excellent fighting records. Major Watthen was twice wounded at Ladysmith, and served in the Burmese war in 1886-7.

Major Adam and Major Wood also saw service in South Africa, where the latter gained his D.S.O. Major Adam contested Woolwich against Mr. Will Crooks at the general election.

NEW SHIPPING COMBINE.

CAPITAL £3,500,000.

A big combination of cargo steamship enterprises is announced as in contemplation. The firm of Messrs. Furness, Withy, and Co. (Ltd.) purposed to acquire the fleets of the British Maritime Trust (Ltd.) and of the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company (Ltd.), and thus to become the owners of no fewer than 604,882 tons of steam shipping. Such a vast fleet of British cargo steamers under a single control would be unprecedented. For the purpose of giving effect to the transaction, the capital of Messrs. Furness, Withy, and Co., which now stands at £1,260,000, is to be increased to £3,500,000. Sir Christopher Furness, M.P., who is chairman of each of the three companies concerned in the deal, has issued a circular, in the course of which he says:

With the acquisition of these fleets your company will become, including tonnage now building, the sole proprietors of eighty-six steamers, also possessing a controlling interest in thirty-five steamers, a party owning fifty-five steamers, making a total of 176 vessels. We hold, besides, considerable investments in shipping companies owing and controlling large amounts of tonnage. Your company will then be the largest in the world in the carrying of a Chinese plaintiff who contend that the case should go against him if defendant (represented by Mr. Gaunt) would swear in the customary fashion by cutting off the cook's head, he agreed but later on refused, and challenged plaintiff to prove his contention in the same way. And this he promptly did. Upon this it was agreed by the defendant that the plaintiff should get judgment. This strange reversal of positions was mentioned to Mr. Justice Fisher yesterday, and he allowed the matter to stand over for the settlement to be confirmed. There seems to be something in this peculiar method of swearing over the unfortunate domestic bird's severed head, as much perhaps as that other way we are better acquainted with ending with the impressive "Swear me!" —*Fred Fisher.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 5th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen slightly over China.

The antiochic area is still covered over the Southern areas.

Very strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood { N. winds, fresh;

some rain.

Formosa Channel N.E. winds,

strong.

South-east of China between N. winds.

Hongkong and Lantau. N. winds, strong.

South-east of China between N. winds.

Hongkong and Hainan. N. winds, strong.

The matter was postponed.—*Singapore ex.*

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1907. 1934

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

ON TUESDAY, the 10th December, 1907, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

A QUANTITY OF ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER JEWELRY.

(Part Binkrups Stock of London Jewellers, Comprising—

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1907. 1936

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT" FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN, IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamer

"YORK"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY, the 5th inst., at noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & Co.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 5

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBOURGH, LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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"MONTGOMERYSHIRE"

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 1933

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MESSRS. JAMES WATSON and COMPANY, LIMITED, Dundee, beg to announce that they have appointed Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. their AGENTS for South China.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 1921

AVIS.

NOUS avons l'honneur de vous informer que MR. CESAR FRITZSCHE, quittant notre maison en date de ce jour, a procuration que nous lui avions confiée par notre circulaire du 8 Avril, 1907, cesse de faire.

E. PASQUET & Cie.

Canion, 1er Decembre 1907. 1922

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG MILLING CO. LTD. have REMOVED their Offices to KING'S BUILDINGS, 4th Floor.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. 1914

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WE beg to Notify that we have bought the Drapery and Provision business hitherto carried on at No. 59 and 61, Hollywood Road respectively by Mr. DALBASAH and shall continue same at the same address under the name of ABOOGLA & SONS, the old Chinese names 三記 and 三記 being retained.

No past undertakings entered into by Mr. DALBASAH will be recognised by us unless same be approved and signed by us or before 15th inst.

O. E. ARCUILL.

A. K. E. ARCUILL.

Hongkong, 2nd December 1907. 1916

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with the Government Notification, No. 799, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 6th inst.

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From South-West end of the Pass, in a North-Western Direction, towards Chin Lan Chu, practice between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M.

On TUESDAY the 10th, and FRIDAYS, the 13th and 20th December:

On the Southern Slopes of Beacon Hill, in a North-Western direction, practice between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1909. 1909

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Hongkong, 13th November, 1907. [382]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.,
have now 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold
Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will
be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday
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Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. [47]

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"GLENWOOD", CAINE ROAD, suitable
for a Boarding house or Club. Con-
taining 26 Rooms.No. 2, COLLEGE GARDENS, contains
6 Rooms newly painted, repaired and colour-
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MANSIONS' 3 ROOMS Corner over Messrs'
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OFFICES in Queen's Road Central.

BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES,
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Partly Furnished, Immediate Possession.No. 1, MOUNTAIN VIEW (PEAK)
Furnished. For 4 or 5 months from 1st
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No. 6, DES VIEUX VILLAS (PEAK),
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Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Building,
Hongkong, 26th November, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

No. 2, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to—
ARRATOON V. APCAR & Co.,
45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1907. [49]

TO LET.

G ROUND FLOOR of No. 4, Des Vieux
Road including a Strong Room and
servants' quarters.The Top Floor of No. 2, Wyndham Street
 lately vacated by the Hotel Baltimore, suitable
for a Club or Boarding House.First Floor of No. 6, Queen's Road,
Central, comprising Six Large Rooms
and Outhouses suitable for business Pre-
mises or Dwellings now occupied by

FRED. BORNEMANN & CO.

Apply to—

DAVID SASSOON & Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. [163]

TO LET—PARTLY FURNISHED.

"SLEMISH" No. 101, The Peak.

Apply to—
MESSRS. HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors.

38, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1907. [145]

TO LET—PARTLY FURNISHED.

10, QUEEN'S GARDENS. For
Remainder of lease from 1st April

next.

Apply to— A. W. BREWIN,
Registrar General's Office.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [124]

TO LET.

"LEWKNOR" No. 116, PEAK, Furnished,
for 18 months from the middle of
March, 1908.Apply to— M. W. SLADE,
Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1907. [135]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

A. SIX ROOMED HOUSE at ELLIOT
CAESENT, Robinson Road.

Apply to— F. X. DALMADA & CASTRO,

33, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. [115]

TO LET.

"CROWNSTE," Barkor Road,
Unfurnished or partly Furnished.Apply to— C. L. GORHAM,
3, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. [1916]

TO LET

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A. HOUSE in KNUTSFORD TERRACE
KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1907. [92]

TO LET.

"STILLINGFLEET" Peak Road, SIX-
ROOMED HOUSE with Fine View
of Harbour.
"HARPERVILLE" Garden Road, SIX-
ROOMED HOUSE fitted with Electric Light
and full use of Tennis Court.
Apply to—PERCY SMITH & SETH,
Accountants & Auditors, &c.,
1, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 28th November, 1907. [1889]

TO LET.

N. 38, CAINE ROAD.
AUCTION ROOMS, No. 2, Zetland Street.
No. 2, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD,
Kowloon.
Apply to—LEIGH & ORANGE,
1, Des Vieux Road.
Hongkong, 9th October, 1907. [94]

TO LET.

N. 5, MORRISON HILL
One FOUR ROOMED HOUSE at Praya
East, near East Point.
Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 21st October, 1907. [1690]

TO LET.

N. 2, 3 and 5 Observatory Villas, Kowloon
Moderate Rental. Tennis Court and
Electric Lights.
Possession 1st November, 1907.
Apply to—
ARRATOON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 5th October, 1907. [1620]

TO LET.

THE WHOLE of the SECOND FLOOR
of No. 31, Queen's Road Central, (opposite
the General Post Office). The Rooms are light,
spacious and well-ventilated; 13 in number
beside kitchen, pantry, bathroom, servants'
quarters etc. Very moderate rent. Immediate
possession. Apply to—YEE SANG FAT & CO.,
Same Address.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1907. [1627]

TO LET.

N. 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS—7 Rooms
and 4 Bathrooms, fably colourwashed,
painted and repaired throughout. Electric
Light.
Apply to—
H.,
Care of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS,
Hongkong, 5th November, 1907. [1769]

TO LET.

FIRST Class European Houses, Loochil
Terrace and Humphreys Avenue, Kow-
loon.
Apply to—
HEWAN & CO.,
Care of China Merchants S. N. Co.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1907. [1500]

TO LET.

N. 5, ORMSBY TERRACE, Kowloon
Cheap Rental.
Apply to—
SPANISH PROCURATION.
Hongkong, 18th October, 1907. [1677]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALBANIA BUILDINGS.
Apply—
SECRETARY,
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [800]

TO LET.

OFFICES on Top Floor No. 2, Connaught
Road, facing the Cricket Ground.
"HATHERLEIGH" Conduit Road.
A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit
Road.OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.
GODOWNS in Praya East, BLUE
BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vieux Road
next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.FLATS in MORSTON TERRACE.
Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1907. [1792]

TO LET.

N. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.
Apply to—
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yulen Kaihha.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. [97]

TO LET

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION

GODOWNS Nos. 95, 96, 97 and 101, Praya
East.Apply to— CHATTER & MODY,
Victoria Building.
Hongkong, 20th June, 1907. [1039]

TO LET.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOP in
Des Vieux Road Central, moderate
rental.FLATS in Des Vieux Road Central.
No. 14, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon.
No. 2, GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon.
No. 3, EAST TERRACE, Kowloon.Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE &
FINANCE CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1907. [1155]

TO LET.

N. 52, CAINE ROAD.
Nos. 27 and 31, SEYMORE ROAD.
Apply to—
SAM WANG CO. LTD.,
61, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1907. [103]

MOTOR NOTES FROM HOME

[Written for the Hongkong Daily Press.]

London, October 25th.

Rumours were ripe last week that Messrs.
Bumber Ltd., had decided to place their 10-12
h.p. 4 cylinder Coventry model on the marketat £250 complete. This is an interesting
announcement for motorists in the East for
whom freight charges added to net price bringthe total cost to a figure that in many cases is
prohibitive. I should have made some mention
of this in my last had it then been more than a
rumour. Enquiries, however, substantiate it asnothing, as far as possible short of a direct official
announcement by the firm in question. The
model referred to is a popular one, and itsappearance at the price named will doubtless
result in a large demand. The body is a four-
seater, and, taking it all round, there isnothing to beat it at the price. The horse-
power does not appear large, as given,

but the engine 90 by 75 mm. is as large

as many given at higher powers. The car
is a good hill-climber, just the thing for
the planter, or anyone up-country, and is equally
useful in the towns. I have seen and tested

one or two of these very cars in the East and

can speak from experience as to their good

qualities.

A rumour of another kind which has been
freely circulating, is that America is suffering

from a "glut" in the motor-trade, and that one of

the largest factories in the U.S. is sending

over a huge quantity of motor cars to be disposed
of at auction, for what they will fetch.This is strenuously denied by Mr. P. L. D.
Perry, representative for Great Britain of Ford

cars. Mr. Perry says he has made exhaustive

enquiries and finds it to be utterly baseless.

Still, it is reported that a large number
of cars are on the eve of being sent over even
if they have not yet started. Anyway the Ford
Company have no surplus stock on hand, though

that fact may only prove the truth of Mr.

Perry's denial. But it would not affect the

British trade much if American cars were

dumped on our market at slaughter-prices, they
would, very likely, prove a god-send to thegarages and repair shops, to judge from some of
the "cheap" American cars I have seen from

time to time.

Mr. S. F. Edge is nothing if not enterprising.

Now that his match with Mr. Hasty Walker

on the Brooklands track is off, owing to

the latter's provisions proving to be

numerous and too difficult to meet, Mr. Edge is

endeavouring to provide the motor world,

and the public at large, with a

new sensation. Falling the acceptance of his

£10,000 challenge, Mr. Edge has made a wager

with the Hon. Dallydell Caron to drive a 60 h.p.

six-cylinder Napier on the London and North-

Western Railway track, from Euston to

Edinburgh, a distance of 400 miles at the rate of

70 miles an hour. The best railway time is

8 hours, or 50 miles an hour. So, if Mr.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
DRUAR, Norwegian str., 7,102, J. Bling, 5th Dec.—Bangkok 27th November, General Nippou Tsuchi Kaisa.
HANTUNG, British str., 1,207, H. Lowbridge, 4th Dec.—Chinkiang 30th Nov., General Butterfield & Swire.
LAMBERT, British str., 1,340, J. B. Jackson, 4th Dec.—Saigon 27th Nov., Rice—Chinese.
MONTSOMERYSHIRE, British str., 3,581, Wm. T. Hall, 5th Dec.—London 19th October, General—Shewen Tones & Co.
ONBANO, British str., 1,757, R. Cox, 5th Dec.—Java 21st Nov., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ST. MICHURN, British str., 1,142, Sidford, 4th Dec.—Newchwang via Dalny and Choo 24th Nov., General—Butterfield & Swire.
TREMON, American str., 6,195, Garlin, 5th Dec.—Seattle via Manila 3rd December, General—Doddwell & Co.

WANCHUNG, British str., 560, T. R. Ainslie, 5th Dec.—Amoy 4th Dec., Beans—Butterfield & Swire.
VICTORIA, Swedish str., 389, Hellbey, 4th Dec.—Samrang 21st Nov., Sugar and Cotton—Asgard Thoresen & Co.
YOCHE, British str., 3,306, F. Northcombe, 4th December—Shanghai December 1st, General—Butterfield & Swire.
YORK, German str., 5,837, J. Randermann, 4th December—Singapore 30th November, Mills and General—Molchers & Co.

CLEARANCES
At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
5th December.
Daijin Maru, Japanese str., for Wakamatsu.
Kaito, British str., for Haiphong.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Honkang, British str., for Canton.
Hongman, British str., for Amoy.
Lothan, British str., for Kuchinozuka.
Moyor Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
Montgomeryshire, British str., for Shanghai.
Shaoching, British str., for Shanghai.
Szechuan, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES
5th December.
BENABY, British str., for Nagasaki.
FEICHING, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
HOHOW, Chinese str., for Swatow.
HUE, French str., for K. C. Wed.
KWANGHONG, British str., for Swatow.
MACDUE, British str., for Canton.
NORE, British str., for London.
PRONTO, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.

VESSELS IN DOCK
December 4th.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Progress, Out.
KOWLOON DOCKS—Neil McLeod, Germania, Triumph, Empress of China, Woolwich, M. S. Deller Vorwärts, Aki Maru, Tsingtao, H. M. S. Alcibiades.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—Nansang.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

For SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN"
Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907.

THE RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.
For CONSTANTINOPLE, ODESSA AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship
"KIEV", will be ready to load about FRIDAY, the 6th December.
For Freight apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 25th November, 1907.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEEN, ADEEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship
"POLYNESIEN" Captain Broc, will be despatched for MARSEILLES, on TUESDAY, the 10th December, at 1 P.M.

The Steamer connects at Colombo with one of the Co's Australian s.s. "Dumbo" bound for Marselles via BOMBAY and Aden.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports and for Australia with prompt transhipment at Colombo.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows.—

S.S. "TOURANE" ... 24th Dec.

S.S. "ARMAND BEHIC" ... 21st Jan., 1908

S.S. "SALAZIE" ... 21st Jan., 1908

J. MILLET Agent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1907.

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship
"AERATOON APCAR", Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 13th inst. at NOON.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers and is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1907.

For NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST).

S.S. "ATHOLL" ... On 7th Dec., NOON.

For freight and further information apply to

SHEWAN TOME'S & CO., GENERAL AGENTS.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1907.

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